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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I choose a local provider who I could reach immediately if there was a problem with service. I switched from a big carrier who let problems go for weeks/months - this isn't just a competitive issue but a practical one. Support local business, support our access to news but also a fundamental means of communication. These services shouldn't be monopolized and dominated by just the largest companies because big telecom (AT&T) is lobbying to cut off competition and raise prices.

if you end competition laws you will take away our right to better service, faster speeds and lower prices.

STOP the Competition Cut Off.

I support local competitive broadband carriers for the reasons given in the first paragraph.

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